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1. The Technomarina factory is under the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum, and makes shoe polish, harness wax, and grease (Solidol) for use on agricultural machinery. Solidol is made from the following formula:
 - a. Six percent linseed (or sunflower) oil.
 - b. Fourteen percent vegetable oil.
 - c. Seventy-five percent mineral oil.
 - d. Two and a half percent lime.
 - e. Two and a half percent water.
2. The vegetable oil and the mineral oil is obtained from Ploesti. Attempts have been made to make grease from barium strontium, but there is no factory which can extract the barium strontium from carbonate of barium or from sulphates. There is a shortage of white alcohol and acetic acid.
3. The factory has about 350 workers and produces about 30,000 kilograms of different types of grease each day. In January 1951 the factory was moved to Stalin (Brasov) or Telesjenu, and the Institute of Technological Studies on Petroleum moved into the Technomarina building in Bucharest.

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